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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 06/03/98, please amend as follows:

--6. (Three Times Amended) A hand-held tool for shearing by transverse forces a body having a non-circular cross-section by the application of torsional force, said tool comprising an upper shearing element and a lower shearing element, each of said shearing elements having an upper side and a lower side, said upper shearing element having opposing cutting edges at its lower side and ~~said~~ lower shearing element having opposing cutting edges at its upper side, said sides directly touching each other at ~~said~~ edges, and said tool further comprising means for rotating said elements counter to one another about an axis to apply a torsional shearing force on the body in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body, whereby said rotating axis cuts the plane extending between said cutting edges of said shearing elements and said means for

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